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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS ★★ ★★

Spring is here! Although it is supposed to snow tomorrow, I have confidence that we are on our way to warmer weather. Boating season is just around the corner.

March was a fun month. The "Monday Madness" happy hour at Pistol Pete's in Brookfield was very well attended by MBC members. Thank you to Wayne and Lynne Happel for planning this fun event!

I enjoyed having our March meeting at our clubhouse at CenterPointe. In my 16 months of being Commodore, this was my first chance to run a meeting at our regular clubhouse. The marina, sales, storage, repair areas, upstairs lounge, and kitchen area were redone and done right. Thank you to Tom McElwee for arranging for us to be able to get back in there. Thank you also to his wife, Cam, for helping set everything up. Everyone seemed back at home and members even stayed for an hour after the meeting just to visit with friends. Let's give CenterPointe some business for their effort to accommodate us in this great facility. It was nice for me to arrive at the meeting and see "BOATS AND WATER! HURRAY! WHAT A NICE SIGHT AFTER THIS WINTER!"

Our April 17<sup>th</sup> MBC meeting will be held at the clubhouse at CenterPointe. This will be our annual White Elephant Auction. Mark your calendar for this fun time. Pizza will be ordered at this event and paid for by attendees.

It is hard to believe that Easter will be here before the next issue of *The Runabout* comes out. Connie and I would like to wish your and your families a Happy Easter!

**Jim Heyden**



## BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

### APRIL

- 3 Ken Dziubek
- 6 Dick Grabowski
- 7 Leo Wagner
- 15 Dave Dorner

### MAY

- 6 Gene Schnagl
- 13 Bob Kowalski
- 13 Gloria Larsen
- 19 Kim Hesel
- 22 Andy Baugher

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| April 7      | MBC Monday Madness<br>Captains: McElwees                                   |
| April 17     | MBC Membership Meeting<br>& White Elephant Auction<br>Captains: Dorners    |
| May 9        | MBC Shove-Off-Spree Dinner<br>at Seven Seas Restaurant<br>Captains: Burkes |
| May 19       | MBC Monday Madness<br>Captains: Halsteads                                  |
| May 24 or 25 | MBC Champagne/Cold Duck Party<br>Captains: Halsteads & Merryfields         |

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 Purser ..... Dave Schneckenberg  
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 ..... and Todd Weiler

**PISTOL PETE'S MONDAY MADNESS**

This event was held the evening of March 10<sup>th</sup> at Pistol Pete's Restaurant & Bar in Brookfield. The weather cooperated, and the 27 members who attended enjoyed the bar, hors d'oeuvres and great entrees. We had exclusive access to the party room, which enabled us to sit at long tables in a close group for socializing.

We began to meet at the restaurant around 5:00, and most of our group stayed until 10:30 pm. This turned out to be another great MBC event.

**Wayne Happel**

**BOATING QUIZ**

1. You are doing some coastal cruising in your 35' ketch. Today, on a thirty-mile passage, you note that the charts you'll be using have a true compass rose and a magnetic compass rose. Should you go through the process of laying out your true course, and then converting to magnetic?
  2. Coming ashore in the club launch to the yacht club (whose guest mooring you've been invited to use), you are greeted on the dock by a man wearing a yachting cap. On the cap is an embroidered badge bearing three silver stars. What is his rank and how do you address him?
  3. How deep was the water when the kid yelled, "Mark Twain"?
  4. How many of the world's ten longest rivers can you name?
  5. Who said, "There is nothing, absolutely nothing, half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats"?
- (Source: *The Cockpit Quiz Book* copyright 1989 by C Dale Nouse)

**Gloria Mitchelson**

**(Find the answers to this quiz on page 3)**

**MBC MONDAY MADNESS**

**APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 PM**

**SAZ'S**

**5539 W. STATE STREET**

(Park in adjacent lot)

414-453-2410 ([www.sazs.com](http://www.sazs.com))

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We will have our own room – the "State Room"

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Captains: Tom and Cam McElwee

Saz's State House Restaurant is known for its BBQ Ribs, Smoke Beef Brisket and other fine food.

Would you like to come? Call or email Tom McElwee at 262-786-9687 or [tommcelwee@yahoo.com](mailto:tommcelwee@yahoo.com)

We look forward to a big MBC turnout!

**BOATING QUIZ ANSWERS:**

1. No, that's just for purists who will die reciting, "True to compass -- west is best and east is least." There is absolutely no reason whatsoever to introduce the possibility of mistakes through unnecessary arithmetic calculations. Just mark your courses "C 000 degrees M" rather than "C 000 degrees T."
2. He's a past commodore of the club and should be addressed as "Commodore." Once a yacht club member reaches the rank of flag officer, he carries the title for life.
3. Twelve feet. The mark on the sounding line showed that the water was two (twain) fathoms deep and one fathom is six feet.
4. They are: Nile in Africa, 4,145 miles; Amazon in S. America, 4,007 miles; Mississippi-Missouri in N. America, 3,896 miles; Yangtze in Asia, 3,101 miles; Zaire in Africa, 2,902 miles; Amur in Asia, 2,740 miles; Hwang Ho in Asia, 2,703 miles; Lena in Asia, 2,647 miles; Mekong in Asia, 2,597 miles; Niger in Africa, 2,590 miles.
5. The water rat said it to his friend Mole in Kenneth Grahame's *Wind in the Willows*.

**CAPS (AND MORE!) FOR SALE**

We still have club merchandise for sale. Six hats remain, priced at \$15.00 each. We also have a limited number of red shirts available. We have 3 XL in Ladies, 3 Men's size mediums and 4 Men's Large.

Please let Mary Berg know if you are interested, and they will be delivered at the next event. You can have the Milwaukee Boat Club burgee embroidered on the shirts at the cost of \$4.50.

**WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION  
APRIL 17, 2014**



CenterPointe Marina  
700 S Water St  
6:30 P.M.

Auctioneer: Dave Dorner

Bring your unwanted, unused or special items wrapped for the house auction following the regular business meeting. You may bring more than one item. Be prepared to bid high and bid often for the mystery items of your choice as others vie for the same item (not necessarily nautical). Don't go home empty-handed! Proceeds go to the club's general fund.



Pizza will be ordered in

Members, whose last names begin with A-K, please bring appetizers or salads. Those whose last names begin with L-Z, please bring a dessert.

**SCUTTLEBUTT**



Many of our members are traveling this spring. Bob and Sandy Kowalski are leaving for Australia on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April. Bob reports that he is traveling on a train to Australia. Sue and Leo Wagner, along with Russ and Mary Berg are heading out on the 15<sup>th</sup> for a cruise on the Rhine River, followed by four days in Paris.

Grey and Cindy Halstead are headed south to spend some time with Pete and Bonnie Merryfield in Ft. Myers. Dick and Karen Schmidt just returned from Florida.

The Danowskis are out of town for a couple of weeks, and so is Jan Marie Weiler.

There should be some interesting stories to be had about all of the trips. (Maybe even pictures!)

## **ANSWERS TO INSURANCE QUESTIONS FROM OUR GUEST SPEAKER**

### **Is the dinghy and motor covered under a boat owners' policy?**

Yes, they are both covered on a boat owners' policy with State Farm.

### **What is the limit to the size of a boat that State Farm insures?**

There is NOT a limit for the boat that State Farm will insure, however we will take into account your MVR or experience of boating.

### **How are clients and friends differentiated in a claim?**

Claims does a detailed investigation and would probably end up finding the truth if they are clients, so therefore there would be no coverage.

### **Is there coverage for taking big brothers/big sisters out on your boat?**

Yes, there is coverage because you are giving them permission to be on your boat and they are not "clients"

### **Does your driving record affect your boat insurance premium?**

Technically, no it does not but if you were to have a very bad MVR (motor vehicle report) or a DUI, State Farm would issue a non-renew on your policy.

### **If you rent a boat, does your coverage follow you?**

No, your coverage does not extend to the rented boat. You would need to purchase coverage from the facility where you rented the watercraft.

## **MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> MBC MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 P.M. Preceding the meeting, members enjoyed appetizers, sandwiches, dessert, and a quick tour of the clubhouse area. The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Commodore Jim welcomed everyone back to the first meeting at the MBC clubhouse since 2012 due to CenterPointe remodeling. Since he became Commodore 16 months ago, there have been no meetings held at the regular clubhouse. It was discussed that he was finally able to run a meeting at the clubhouse with a real podium.

Jim thanked Vince Verhassault and Tom McElwee for planning and organizing the "Snow-Fun Cruise." He also thanked Wayne and Lynne Happel for planning the "Monday Madness" happy in March. Jim then went on to remind everyone of the upcoming events in April.

At the last meeting some members asked if MBC members could use their MBC cards to get in the South Shore Yacht Club. Jim said he called the SSSC and they said only SSSC members could get into the club.

Vice-Commodore Mary Berg said that MBC t-shirts and hats were still for sale and that she would be doing an updated inventory to what sizes were left. It was discussed that with spring and summer coming, it was a good time to buy a new shirt or hat.

Senior Pilot Scott Scott Burke reminded everyone that the Shove-off Spree was coming up in May and that he would have a flier coming out soon with more information.

Tom McElwee, Director of House and Equipment, announced the he had reserved Saz's for the upcoming "Monday Madness" on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Yeoperson Connie Heyden announced that Director of Membership Bonnie Merryfield (who is in Florida) wanted to remind everyone to e-mail any changes in contact information to her as soon as possible for the directory. Connie also reminded everyone to get their reservation for the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Fox and Hounds dinner to Dave Schneckenberg.

Commodore Jim then said that if members knew anyone who wanted to place an ad in the directory or newsletter to let Pete Merryfield know.

Under new business, there was a discussion on whether the club meetings could start at an earlier time. Members decided to think about it and to ask other members whether a 6:00 meeting would work for them. It was also discussed whether to order pizza or food for clubhouse meetings. People agreed that they liked ordering food and chipping in was not a problem

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

**Connie Heyden  
Yeoperson**

**MBC HAPPY HOUR AT PISTOL PETE'S  
MONDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>**



# MBC MEMBER MEETING MARCH 20, 2014



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# MBC 2014 SHOVE-OFF-SPREE



**FRIDAY, MAY 9<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 P.M. Cocktails  
7:00 P.M. Dinner**

**Seven Seas Restaurant  
Pilot's Room  
1807 Nagawicka Rd, Hartland, WI 53029**

### **MENU**

Family Style Fish & Chicken  
Fried Cod, Steamed Baked Cod, Italian Baked Chicken,  
French Fries, Homemade Potato Salad, Homemade Coleslaw  
Rye Bread & Butter  
Coffee, Tea, Milk  
Cheesecake with Raspberry Sauce  
Cash Bar

**Cost is \$27 per person.**

Please mail your check soon, so we can get a count but no later than Friday, April 25th  
Mail this portion with your check made payable to "Milwaukee Boat Club" to:

Scott and Barbara Burke  
N31 W7299 Lincoln Blvd  
Cedarburg, WI 53012

Your Name(s) (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

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